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BY ECF

Honorable Jennifer H. Rearden
 United States District Judge
 Southern District of New York
 500 Pearl Street
 New York, New York 10007

RE: **USA v. Pablo Hernandez Rodriguez**
23-CR-509 (JHR)

Dear Judge Rearden:

As the Court is aware I am the CJA-appointed counsel for the defendant, Pablo Hernandez Rodriguez, in the above-captioned matter. I write to inform the Court that Mr. Hernandez Rodriguez is requesting the Court appoint him new CJA counsel.

Mr. Hernandez Rodriguez requests that I be relieved as his counsel and the Court assign him new counsel as there has been a breakdown in communication and the attorney-client relationship has become irreconcilably broken. I join in Mr. Hernandez Rodriguez's request.

Notwithstanding the above, Mr. Hernandez Rodriguez has also requested I inform the Court that he has received the Court's decision regarding his recent bail application (*See* ECF Doc. No. 42) and that he has reviewed and discussed it with me. Mr. Hernandez Rodriguez wants the Court to know he is in great pain and believes that the care he is receiving from the Bureau of Prisons at the Metropolitan Detention Center is wholly inadequate and requests that he be given a bail hearing without further written submission.



If the Court believes an in-person hearing is necessary to rule on Mr. Hernandez Rodriguez's request for new counsel to be appointed, I note that I am unavailable on the following upcoming dates:

- April 22, 23, 25, and 30
- May 2, 8, and 9

If the Court has any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "al kt".

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